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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HISASHI HARADA : EXAMINER: JOYCE, WILLIAM C.
SERIAL NO: 10/787,379 :
FILED: FEBRUARY 27, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3682
FOR: ROLLING, SLIDING PART AND :
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, corresponding to Claims 1-13 **with traverse** for prosecution in the present application.

Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement as the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

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In the present application any search of the elected apparatus claims would also include the classes and subclasses appropriate for searching the other claims, and so then would be no undue burden if all of the claims were examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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